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Remarks

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement of July 29, 2005, in which restriction among the following three groups was requested:

Group I: claims 8-28, drawn to nanostructures;

Group II: claims 1-7 and 29-45, drawn to methods; and

Group III: claims 46-64, drawn to methods.

Applicant hereby elects the claims of **Group II** (claims 1-7 and 29-45) for substantive examination.

Please note the supplemental Information Disclosure Statement submitted June 14, 2005 and re-submitted July 26, 2005 in the above case. Note particularly that the only reference applied to claims 2-4 in the European Search Report submitted therewith was designated "A," meaning a "document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance."

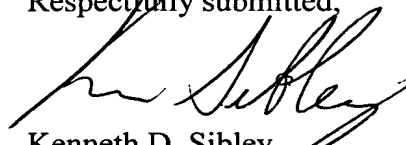
The Restriction Requirement is respectfully traversed. It is respectfully submitted that a search of each of Groups I, II, and III would overlap with one another, such that no undue burden would be placed on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to examine these three groups together. Accordingly, reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for substantive examination, which action is respectfully requested.

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If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee, which may be required, or credit any refund, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Sibley", written over the printed name.

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